

September 28, 2025

## ST. PAUL the APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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### FAITH FORMATION (RELIGIOUS ED) CLASSES:

Grades 1 through 8: Wednesday from 6:15pm—7:30pm

Find us—

Facebook: "**St. Paul the Apostle Peotone**"

Website: [StPaulPeotone.org](http://StPaulPeotone.org)

YouTube: **Saint Paul the Apostle Peotone**

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Parish Office

**RECONCILIATION:** **Thursday: 7:15pm to 7:45pm**

Saturday: 3pm to 3:45pm

Any time by appointment

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** To be announced

**FIRST COMMUNION:** To be announced

**CONFIRMATION:** To be announced

**MARRIAGE:** By appointment only

Please call at least 6 months in advance

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Call anytime

Please call the parish office to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member. Privacy laws prohibit hospitals from releasing information to clergy about hospitalized church members without the specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.

### ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday:** 4pm

**Sunday:** 11am

**Daily Mass:** Tue, Wed and Fri 8:30am

**Communion Services:** Mon and Thrs 8:30am

**Holy Days of Obligation:** Please see the bulletin

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Thursday 6pm to 8pm

**Communion Calls:** If you or someone you love is ill or homebound and would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office to make arrangements for regular visits.

**Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday 12:30pm to 5pm

Regular time to make appointments, registrations, etc.

**Regular bulletin deadline:** Wednesday by 12pm

Father Thomas will have **OFFICE HOURS** on:

Tuesday after 8:30am Mass until 10:30am / Wednesday after 8:30am Mass until 10:30am

Thursday from 5—6pm / Friday after 8:30am Mass until 10:30am or by appointment.



## The Mission Statement of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in relationship with Him, live the Faith, and share His Good News with others.

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Am 6:1a, 4-7; Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31**

The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, is a powerful story with several key lessons. It is not so much a literal account of the afterlife, but a condemnation of greed and indifference and a warning about the eternal consequences of a life lived for oneself.

The parable highlights a dramatic reversal of status in the afterlife. The rich man, who lived a life of luxury and ignored the suffering of the poor, finds himself in torment. In contrast, Lazarus, a poor beggar who suffered on earth, is comforted in "Abraham's bosom." This illustrates God's ultimate justice and the principle that those who have received their "consolation" in this life through material wealth may face a different reality after death.

The rich man's sin was not that he was wealthy, but that he was callously indifferent to the suffering of Lazarus right outside his gate. He saw Lazarus every day, yet did nothing to help him. The "great chasm" that separates them in the afterlife is a physical representation of the spiritual and emotional chasm the rich man created in his own life. His lack of compassion became his eternal reality.

In the story, the rich man begs Abraham to send Lazarus back from the dead to warn his brothers. Abraham's response is a crucial point: "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." This emphasizes that people already have everything they need to know God and live a righteous life. God's Word is sufficient, and if someone will not listen to it, they will not be convinced even by a miracle.

As I shared with you last Sunday, at the Convocation Most Reverend Bishop Ronald Hicks shared with us his new Pastoral Letter "**MAKE**" and the reason why he was writing this letter. My feeling about the Pastoral Letter is that this letter came at just the right time. I am positive that it would rekindle a fire in us and in the diocese that had been dimming.

Before the promulgation of Bishop Hicks' letter we need to Reflect on the Great Commission Mathew 28:18-20. What is Jesus saying to you? What about those verbs "**GO**" and "**MAKE**"?

I urge you to revisit Bishop Conlon's letter "**GO**":

<https://medium.com/@dioceseofjoliet/go-he-said-95d157ae4d2f>

Take a moment to consider how we responded at that time. What fruit came of it?

Where might we have gone further? If you can read this certainly it will prepare fertile ground for what is to come from Bishop Hicks.... "**MAKE**"

Reflect prayerfully: Am I experiencing a pull toward Jesus, and what inspires that pull?

What ignites your inner spirit? What leads you to the church and sustains you in service and prayer?

This is the time of prayer; pray for our parish; pray for the Bishop; pray for our clergy, staff, and lay leaders. Pray for our priests in the diocese to assimilate and work for this cause. Invoke the Holy Spirit that this letter may enkindle us and to proclaim the Gospel. Once the letter **MAKE** is promulgated on September 30 – I ask that all parishioners read it and be a part of it. There are many steps to be taken after the promulgation of this letter.

Yours in Christ,

**Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI**



Join us for **SNACK & CHAT** after 11am Mass next Sunday, October 5.

There will be a **CCW MEETING** on Monday, October 6 at 6:30pm. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

The St. Paul CCW will again be participating in the Catholic Charities **UNDY SUNDAY** collection drive from October 4 through October 19, 2025. The underwear, socks, undershirts, and diapers that we collect are distributed to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet clients throughout the year. Thanks for your support!

Please join us next Sunday, October 5 at 12:30pm for the **BLESSING of ANIMALS**. Bring all your pets, great and small, for a special blessing.

Animal blessing services are a way for humans to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), embodying his love of animals and all mankind. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment and founder of the Franciscan order.



We will pray the **ROSARY** 30 minutes prior to weekend Mass in October. Rosary leaders are needed for Sundays, beginning at 10:30am. Please sign-up in the lobby if you would like to help!

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# Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sat	9/27	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>David Neybert</u></b> req by Bob & Helen Lewis and <b><u>People of the Parish</u></b>
Sun	9/28	11:00 am—	+ <b><u>David Neybert</u></b> req by the Hodgett Family
Mon	9/29	8:30 am—	<b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u></b>
Tue	9/30	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>Matthew Kwain</u></b> req by Family
Wed	10/1	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>Floyd Szudarski</u></b> req by Arnie & Julie Szudarski
Thr	10/2	8:30 am—	<b><u>COMMUNION SERVICE</u></b>
		6:00 pm—	<b><u>ADORATION</u></b>
		7:15 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
Fri	10/3	8:30 am—	+ <b><u>Deceased of the Besowshek Family</u></b> req by the Knickrehm Family
Sat	10/4	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		3:30 pm—	<b><u>ROSARY</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Peter Claxton</u></b> req by Arnie & Julie Szudarski
Sun	10/5	10:30 am—	<b><u>ROSARY</u></b>
		11:00 am—	+ <b><u>Norman J. Andrews, Sr.</u></b> req by Bob & Helen Lewis and <b><u>People of the Parish</u></b>
		12:30 pm—	<b><u>ANIMAL BLESSING</u></b>

*If you are attending a Mass that you requested an intention to be said for, please sign the gift bearer book in the rear of the church and let an usher know you are here if you wish to bring up the gifts.*

## Medicare Open Enrollment

### Oct 15 – Dec 7

The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle in Peotone will begin scheduling appointments Sep 1 for an annual review of Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans.

Premiums, drug tiers and formularies change from year to year. A review ensures you are on the best plan at the lowest cost.

## Call 708-258-6917 Ext 5

Please leave your name and phone number

### COLLECTION SUMMARY:

#### September 20—21, 2025

Budgeted	\$3,069.00
Sunday Offertory*	\$2,617.00
Minus	\$ 452.00
Envelopes used / distributed	70 / 531

**\*Includes 7 Online Givers**

Assumption	\$ 10.00
Providing for Our Future	\$ 803.00

Secure and convenient **ONLINE GIVING** is available at **GiveCentral.org**. Please put in zip code **60468** to find the St. Paul portal. A credit card or bank account can be linked.



### Keeping Catholic Education Strong

Since 1996, the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) has secured the future of Catholic schools in our diocese. Through generous donors, more than 50,000 students at 40+ schools across five counties have received a faith-filled education.


This year, we aim to raise \$1 million to keep Catholic education vibrant for generations to come.

Join us! Visit [CEFJoliet.org](http://CEFJoliet.org) to learn more or use this QR Code to give today.



NOAH JAMES was baptized on September 21, 2025.  
He is the son of Tyler and Maria Sabbia Mazurkiewicz.  
Welcome to the parish family!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>October</b>	<i>The ROSARY will be prayed 30 minutes prior to weekend Masses</i>	<b>UNDY SUNDAY COLLECTION</b> in the LOBBIES October 4—19, 2025	<b>1 ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX</b> SERVING GOD'S FAMILY 9:45am-12pm  RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm	<b>2 GUARDIAN ANGELS</b>  ADORATION 6-8pm  CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4 ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI</b>  CONFESSION 3pm  ROSARY 3:30pm
<b>5</b> ROSARY 10:30am  SNACK & CHAT after 11am MASS  ANIMAL BLESSING 12:30pm	<b>6</b>  CCW MEETING 6:30pm	<b>7 OUR LADY of the ROSARY</b>  K of C BUSINESS MEETING 7pm	<b>8</b> <i>Coffee and Apple Kuchen following 8:30am Mass</i>  RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm	<b>9</b>  ADORATION 6-8pm  BAPTISMAL CLASS 6pm  CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING WEEKEND</b>  CHOIR 2:30-3:30pm  CONFESSION 3pm  ROSARY 3:30pm
<b>12 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING WEEKEND</b>  ROSARY 10:30am  ORANGE SHIRT MASS	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15 ST. TERESA of AVILA</b> SERVING GOD'S FAMILY 9:45am-12pm  FINANCE COUNCIL 5:30pm PARISH COUNCIL 6:30pm  RE / FF CLASSES	<b>16 MEDICARE PART D</b> 9—1pm  ADORATION 6-8pm  MINISTERS of CARE EM TRAINING 6:15pm  CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18 ST. LUKE the EVAN- GELIST</b>  CHOIR 2:30-3:30pm  CONFESSION 3pm  ROSARY 3:30pm  K of C MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
<b>19</b> ROSARY 10:30am  K of C MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	<b>20</b>  MEDICARE PART D 9—1pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22 ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II</b>  RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm	<b>23</b>  MEDICARE PART D 9—1pm  ADORATION 6-8pm  CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	<b>24 ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET</b>	<b>25</b>  CHOIR 2:30-3:30pm  CONFESSION 3pm  ROSARY 3:30pm
<b>26</b>  ROSARY 10:30am	<b>27</b>  MEDICARE PART D 9—1pm	<b>28 ST. JUDE the APOSTLE ST. SIMON the APOSTLE</b>	<b>29</b>  RE / FF CLASSES 6:15—7:30pm	<b>30</b>  MEDICARE PART D 9—1pm  ADORATION 6-8pm  CONFESSION 7:15-7:45pm	<b>31 ST. ALPHONSUS RODRIGUEZ</b>	The Mission of St. Paul the Apostle at Peotone, within the parish of St. Patrick, Wilton Center, was founded on October 2, 1949.



Like to sing?

will begin Saturday, October 11 @ 2:30pm and will continue every Saturday from 2:30—3:30pm

*The goal of our church choir is to enhance the church liturgy through music.*

Scheduled dates for choir to sing:

- Saturday, November 8** @ 4pm Mass
- Saturday, December 6** @ the 4pm Installation Mass for Father Thomas
- Wednesday, December 24 / Thursday, December 25** - TBD

INTERESTED?

Please return the completed form found in the church entrance to Sue Williams, or leave it in the manilla envelope on the choir poster.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

QUESTIONS? Please contact Sue Williams (815 370-6287)